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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

Bradstreets report the trade situation improving, with signs of activity for Spring business. —— The Spanish warship Vizcaya arrived and anchored outside the bar at New York city at 5.50 P. M. yesterday. —— The examination by divers of the wreck of the Maine in Havana harbor will probably be made jointly by employes of Spain and the United States. —— A sensational debate occurred in the Senate; Senator Mason fiercely denounced the policy of the government in dealing with the Cuban question and demanded that an investigation of the disaster to the Maine be conducted by a joint committee of the Senate and House; both houses voted an appropriation of $200,000 to recover the remains of the men killed in the explosion and the saving of the wreckage. —— A large number of rumors of a warlike tendency came to the attention of the Navy Department, which seems to have worried Secretary Long and he takes pains in a long dispatch to deny each and all of them; he denies that Capt. Sigsbee had warned the department that the Maine was in danger of being blown up by torpedoes. —— It is the opinion of many survivors of the Maine disaster that the vessel was hit by a torpedo. —— Madrid newspapers urge the government not to permit American divers to alone descend and examine the Maine. —— So far 130 bodies have been recovered from the wreck of the Maine. —— Among the bodies recovered yesterday from the Maine was that of Rubic Finch, of North Carolina. —— Southern cotton mill men oppose action by Congress to regulate the hours of labor in the different States. —— New York markets: Money on call easy at 1½@1½ per cent., last loan at 1½ per cent.; cotton dull—middling 6⅞c; flour—market inclined to drag at barely steady prices; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red $1.06¢c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 37¢c; rosin steady; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 54 deg.; 8 P.M., 61 deg.; maximum, 60 deg.; minimum, 42 deg.; mean, 51 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .64; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .85.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

The barometer has fallen over the Eastern and Southern sections during the day, with rain falling along the Atlantic coast from Jacksonville north to New England. The barometer is lowest over the East Gulf and Texas. A high barometer area central over the upper lakes covers the North and West. Cloudy weather with scattered light precipitation is noted under it. It is colder from the Ohio valley north and from Oklahoma north over the West. It continues moderately warm over the South and Southwest.

Local forecast to 12 midnight Saturday: Cloudy, with showers Saturday, probably clearing, colder at night, winds becoming northerly.

Stage of water in the river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. 2.9 feet.

Port Almanac---February 19.

Sun Rises	6.46 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.44 P. M.
Day's Length	10 H. 58 M.
High Water at Southport	7.01 P. M.
High Water, Wilmington	8.40 P. M.

Klondikers don't mind the weather when the mercury doesn't go much below zero. They consider zero nice picnic weather.

The principal rope makers of the country have put up the price of rope. Is this a sneaking attack on the lynching industry?

There will be no exodus of colored citizens from Georgia this year. The melon planters are calculating on planting a very large acreage.

New England is rejoicing in a fine ice crop. The cultivation of ice is one of the few things that New England is well adapted to.

The St. Louis jury which decided a case of a man charged with forgery with a game of poker concluded that a game of draw was more agreeable than being hung.

Mr. John W. Carroll, who invented the "Lone Jack" brand of tobacco, made his Jack, as it were. He died a few days ago and left an estate valued at $1,500,000.

The Argentine wheat crop, now ready for shipment, is said to be the largest since 1894, notwithstanding the grasshoppers which performed in that country early in the season.

Mark Hanna and his Lieut. Pickens ignored the summons of the fraud investigating committee to appear before it. Mark considers himself a bigger man than that committee.

A sergeant in Fort Sheridan has been put under arrest for asking for more food. But they didn't drag him around with ropes, jump on him and jab swords into him as they did with that offending private some time ago.

Ex-Secretary Morton has been writing poetry about trees, and somebody accuses him of plagiarism. If Mr. Morton wrote more about trees, on which his head is level, and less Mortonic nonsense about silver, we wouldn't mind a little plagiarism.

The State Treasurer of Kansas has raised something bordering on an insurrection by issuing an order prohibiting smoking in his office. This is so much against the prerogatives of the Kansas sovereigns that they are showing a disposition to smoke him out.

An Ohio editor, who has probably had some experience, asks: "Is it ever worth while to call a man a liar?" We should say not, especially if he is one of those fellows who hits a couple times before he thinks once, and without any preparatory remarks.

Philadelphia sometimes avenges herself on New Yorkers who poke fun at her for being a slow town. One of them went to that burg a couple days ago, and fell into the hands of some of the unsophisticated boys who relieved him of $2,000.

There are more telephones in the United States than in all the rest of the world combined; but this is a great country on talk. We have 900,000, while Germany, which leads all the European countries, has only 140,000, nearly twice as many as England has.

A festive widow in Mexico, who has been several times married, repeated the ceremony the other day by taking a giddy youth of 98 years for her severaleth husband. Such friskiness at the age of 115 is somewhat remarkable.

If the bill imposing a tax of $2 a year on bachelors passes the New Jersey Legislature they may thank their stars that it did not occur to some of the solons to resuscitate an old New Jersey law which taxed them $100 a year.

The Chicago *Inter-Ocean* says: "Shall we lie and steal?" No, you shouldn't. But if you continue to talk for the Republican party you will be compelled to do a good deal of lying and to help cover up a good deal of stealing.

It is said that young Leiter has about 20,000,000 bushels of wheat, and he stands a pretty good chance to get bit on some of it if he doesn't get it off his hands before the Argentine and India crops get upon the market.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Palace Bakety—Bananas.
F. T. Mills—Horses and mules.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

French Cafe—Something new.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. G. S. Johnson, of Charlotte, is in the city.

— Mr. Alex Justice, of Newbern, is a visitor in the city.

— Mr. S. G. Drewery, of Raleigh, arrived in the city yesterday.

— Mr. S. L. Smith left yesterday for Elizabethtown on business.

— Mr. James Kyle, of Fayetteville, is registered at the Orton.

— Mrs. James F. Post, Jr., and little daughter, are visiting relatiives in New York city.

— Messrs. S. Solomon and I. W. Solomon returned last evening from a business tour of the Northern cities.

— Miss Rosa Wilder, of St. Stephen's, S. C., who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Herbert F. Wilder, returned home yesterday.

— Mr. David Laird, travelling auditor for the Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., is in the city on business connected with the company's interests here.

— U. S. Assistant Engineer Reid Whitford, of Georgetowu, S. C., was here yesterday, returning home from Newbern, where he has been for the last few days.

— Col. W. S. Cook was referred to in this department yesterday as a "well known attorney." Well, Bill is not an "attorney." but he has plenty of horse-sense to make one, and a good one, too.

— Mr. R. J. Lewis, the well known hotel steward, is in the city again, and has taken a place at Mr. Isaiah West's cafe, where to-night something new in the cuisine department will be begun, according to an announcement in the advertising column.s

Not Smallpox.

Dr. C. P. Wertenbaker, of the Marine Hospital, has returned from Spartanburg, S. C., where he was ordered by Surgeon General Wyman, to ascertain if certain cases there supposed to be smallpox were genuine. He reports that the disease is not smallpox.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The first degree of Masonry was conferred on a candidate last night by St. John's Lodge A. F. & A. M.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Daughters of the Confederacy will be held in the armory of the Wilmington Light Infantry at 11 o'clock to-day.

— A charge of assault with a rock, by King David Hays, upon Jim Peterson, both colored, was dismissed for want of probable cause by Justice Bunting yesterday.

— A young lady who admires the hook and ladder branch of the fire department, or some member of it, showed her regard yesterday in the shape of a nice lot of peanuts.

— Rev. Dr. G. D. Bernheim will conduct the regular services at the Seamen's Bethel to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All will be welcome.

— Justice McGowan yesterday imposed a bond of $50 upon George Arnold to keep the peace. Arnold also submitted to a charge of assault and battery and disorderly conduct and paid the costs in the case.

— Yesterday's rainfall came in good time for the sections of country that have been visited by forest fires. Parties who came in on the W. & W. train last night said that there were no signs of fire along the road.

— The young ladies of the Wilmington Cooking Club and a party of gentleman friends were charmingly entertained last night by Miss Carrie Wright, at the home of her father, Mr. Joshua Wright, at 720 Market street.

— Many of the readers of the STAR will be interested in the statement that the suit to determine the ownership of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church property has been decided in favor of Cardinal Gibbons in the Circuit Court of Baltimore.

— A set of by-laws, by which the Wilmington Tariff Association is to be governed, was drawn up Thursday night by a committee appointed for the purpose and composed as follows: Messrs. J. A. Taylor, Marcus W. Jacobi, Charles W. Worth and Jno. A. Arringdale.

— Tom Webb, colored, as told in yesterday's STAR, was arrested for the larceny of a clock from the residence of Mrs. E. J. Cox. He was tried before Justice Bunting yesterday and sent to jail in default of a $50 bond, to await the next term of New Hanover Criminal Court.

— The Mayor yesterday fined Charles Morris and Charles Brown $2 and costs each for fighting. They were, as told in yesterday's STAR, arrested for fighting Thursday night on the corner of Dock and Front streets. Neither of them was able to pay the fines and they will serve fifteen days each in jail.

— Mr. Dick Steljes is erecting a new store building in the stead of the one which was burned several days ago at the corner of Market and Thirteenth streets. As has been heretofore stated by the STAR, Mr. Steljes will also rebuild the dwelling on the adjacent lot, which was burned at the same time that the store building was destroyed.

Death of Mr. P. N. Hewin.

The STAR notes with sorrow the death of Mr. Peter N. Hewin, a brother-in-law of Mr. E. H. Sneed. He passed away at the residence of his brother-in-law, 116 Nun street, early yesterday morning. He had been confined to his room for several months.

Mr. Hewin was often seen at the Sneed Company's furniture store, and at one time he was himself manager of a furniture store; first on Second street, and afterwards in the building now occupied by Mr. Sneed.

The funeral will take place at 10 o'clock this morning from Mr. Sneed's residence.

Charged With Perjury.

A case of perjury is set for trial before Justice McGowan Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Carrie Marshall is charged with testifying falsely in a case tried before Chief of Police J. R. Melton, who, as a justice, tried Jim Merritt, colored, Thursday, for an assault with a deadly weapon upon a little child. Carrie Marshall testified that Merritt struck the child over the head with a stick of wood. Esquire Melton dismissed the case against Merritt for lack of evidence, and now the case for perjury is brought in Justice McGowan's court by Merritt and his witnesses.

Big Tom Goes Home.

Mr. T. D. Wilson, the famous hunter who is known as "Big Tom," is in the city, returning to his home at Pensacola, Yancey county, from several weeks' stay at Orton plantation, as the guest of Col. K. M. Murchison. "Big Tom" has reveled in the hospitality that is always found at Orton, and he will return to his mountain home this morning delighted with his three weeks' stay on the banks of the Cape Fear. He will leave at 9 o'clock over the Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley railroad. While in the city he has been the guest of Mr. James Sprunt.

Fire Alarm Last Night.

The fire alarm from box 27 last night at seven o'clock was on account of the burning out of a chimney in the dwelling house on the Southeast corner of Fourth and Princess street occupied by Anthony Foster colored. The department was at the spot instanter but was not called into service.

FOR $50 DAMAGES.

Suit Against the Street Car Company for Wrecking a "Mule Cart."

IN A MAGISTRATE'S COURT.

Judgment for Defendants and an Appeal Taken by Counsel for Plaintiff to the Superior Court.

Yesterday a hearing was given the case of William Nixon, colored, vs. The Wilmington Street Railway Co. in Justice Bunting's court and judgment rendered in favor of the defendant company. The plaintiff's counsel gave notice of an appeal to the Superior Court.

Justice Bunting's ruling was on the ground that negligence on the part of the street car company to avert the accident was not proven, and that the company was not therefore liable.

Readers of the STAR will remember that on last Tuesday Nixon's mule cart was wrecked in collision with a street car on Fourth street, beyond the bridge. He therefore instituted a suit for $50 damages.

The principal witnesses examined were Mr. J. E. Merritt, motorman on the car; Dr. J. H. Alstin, who witnessed the accident; A. M. Fillyaw, who was on the car at the time of the collision, and the plaintiff. The street car company also had the car which was in the accident stopped near Justice Bunting's office, and he made an examination of it. In fact, it proved to be one of the most important witnesses.

Motorman Merritt testified that he saw the mule shying, cut off his current and had his car under perfect control. He said that the front of the car passed the cart and that the mule then backed the cart against the side of his car, thereby causing the accident. The evidence given by Dr. Aulstin and Mr. Fillyaw corroborated that of Mr. Merritt.

The plaintiff testified that his cart was struck by the front of the car and that he held up his hand and called to the motorman to please stop the car; all to no purpose. Esquire Bunting, by examination of the car found that the force of the collision was against the side of the car, several feet from the front.

The plaintiff was represented yesterday by attorney W. E. Henderson and the Street Car Company by George Rountree, Esq.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—137 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 7 bbls crude turpentine.

W., C. & A. Railroad—335 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 26 bbls tar.

Carolina Central Railroad—8 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 4 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—8 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 97 bbls rosin, 14 bbls tar.

W. & N. Railroad—42 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—26 bales cotton, 11 casks spirits turpentine, 115 bbls rosin, 172 bbls tar.

Schooner Ruth J.—10 casks spirits turpentine, 31 bbls rosin, 12 bbls tar.

Schooner J. H. Kuk—50 bbls rosin, 24 bbls tar.

Schooner Stonewall—8 bales cotton, 14 casks spirits turpentine, 114 bbls rosin.

Total—Cotton, 568 bales; spirits turpentine, 30 casks; rosin, 407 bbls; tar, 253 bbls.; crude turpentine, 7 bbls.

Reduction of Fertilizer Rates.

Mr. C. E. Borden, of the Navassa Guano Company, and Mr. Wm. Gilchrist, of the Acme Manufacturing Company, have been in Raleigh treating with the Railroad Commission for a reduction of the fertilizer rates from Wilmington. The success of their efforts is apparent from a special telegram received by the STAR last night and printed elsewhere, stating that the standard fertilizer rate, which is nearly twenty per cent. less than the rate now in force, was secured. The following telegram also announcing the reduction, was received by Mr. Jas. H. Chadbourn, Jr., president of the Chamber of Commerce:

"*Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington, N. C.:*

"We have won the fight on fertilizer rate reduction from Wilmington and railroads accept same.

"C. E. BORDEN."

Won't Lecture on Good Friday.

The date for the lecture on the X-ray by Prof. Lewis Smith in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium will have to be changed, but no other date has yet been settled upon. The change is necessitated by the fact that the date at first selected, April 8th, comes on Good Friday, and the entertainment committee does not care to have it on that date. It is, of course, still a settled fact that Prof. Smith will come to Wilmington, only the new date for the lecture being unsettled.

Hunting His Little Brother.

John Lane, colored, was looking for his ten-year old brother last night about 11 o'clock. He called at Police headquarters to know if he had been arrested. The little fellow, he said, had not been seen since early in the afternoon and he has never before been known to be out after night. The Lane family reside at the corner of Fifth and Wooster streets.

WAYLAID AND CLUBBED.

Colored Man Charges a Fellow Workman With Doing Him Up.

Hammond Cowan, a colored employe of the Wilmington Gas Works, aged about 50 years, was at the Health office yesterday morning getting treatment for an ugly looking wound on his head. He said he had been waylaid and clubbed by Henry Owen, colored, a fellow workman in charging retorts at the gas works.

It was between 4 and 5 o'clock yesterday morning, according to Cowan's statement, that the blow was delivered. He was at work when he saw Owen coming with his stick raised. It was so dark that he did not see his assailant in time to escape the lick directed at him. Cowan said he was knocked down and "killed" for a while, and when after a few moments he started to rise Owen struck him again, this time on the knee.

Dr. McMillan, who dressed Cowan's injuries, found that the club made an incesion in his head three inches long and reaching to the skull.

A warrant for Owen's arrest was sworn out before Justice R. H. Bunting, and Owen was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Flynn and placed on trial before that official for committing secret assault on the person of Hammond Cowan. He gave a bond for $100 for his appearance at trial before Justice Bunting at 10 o'clock this morning.

SPECIFICATIONS PREPARED.

Proposals to Be Invited For Furnishing a Fire Boat.

This afternoon the specifications for the proposed fire boat for the protection of Wilmington's river front will be signed by the special committee, and proposals from boat owners will be in order.

The purpose of the committee now is to secure bids from owners of boats now in this port to equip a boat in accordance with the specifications they are preparing, and give them a four years' contract. They will get the bids for the service and submit them to the Board of Aldermen at the April meeting when they make their annual appropriations for the various departments of the city government.

It is not settled, as yet, whether the city will lease a fire boat or not, and, as before intimated, the idea of the authorities is to give some boat owner a four years contract for fire-boat protection, the owner to equip his boat at his own expense, employ his own firemen and receive a fixed amount per annum for the service rendered.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

"A Ball in Fairy Land" This Afternoon by the Kings' Daughters.

This afternoon at 3.30 o'clock at the Opera House, a most enjoyable and highly entertaining performance will be given, entitled "A Ball in Fairy Land." Eighty-six children will take part under the direction of Miss Cammie Lord.

The entertainment is given by the Hospital Circle of King's Daughters, which has done a world of good in the line of work indicated by its name. The price of general admission is only 25 cents, and reserved seats can be had for 35 cents each Everybody who wants to see what a ball in fairy land is like, and there is doubtless a good deal of curiosity on this point, ought certainly to attend the entertainment this afternoon. And all who want to lend a helping hand to a worthy cause will of course be present. So a large crowd will doubtless greet the performance.

Contract Awarded.

Messrs. H. A. Tucker & Bro. have been awarded the contract to construct the monument which the Wilmington Camp of the Woodmen of the World have decided to erect in honor of their late comrade Mr. George W. Carter.

The committee who have had the matter in charge, consisting of Justice Jno. J. Fowler and Mr. C. B. Allen, accompanied by Mr. Lucius L. Bultman, who is prominently connected with the order, called on the Messrs. Tucker yesterday morning with full specifications and closed the contract. The monument will be six feet and eight inches high with a base two feet square and will bear the emblem of the order and the inscription, "Geo. W. Carter, born in Philadelphia, Nov. 17, 1864; died at Wilmington, Nov. 7, 1897. Erected by the Woodmen of the World."

Cotton Facts.

According to the weekly statement of cotton and naval stores, as printed in the commercial columns of the STAR, there are at present 17,959 bales of cotton in the freight and compress warehouses here. Last year at a corresponding date there were 12,581 bales. There have been received at this port since the opening of the cotton season 297,610 bales, against 228,459 bales for the same period of 1897. The receipts of cotton yesterday were 568 bales; for the same day last year, 135. The local market closed firm at 5¢c. Last year it was firm at 6¢c.

Mr. J. E. King.

Mr. L. J. King has returned from Florence, where he has been to visit his son, Mr. J. E. King, who had the misfortune to get his foot crushed between the bumpers of a freight train. He is highly gratified at the exceedingly kind treatment which his son has received at the hands of the railroad officials. Good physicians have been placed in charge of the case. Young Mr. King's many friends regret to hear of the accident which has befallen him.

THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Exceptions to the Bell Telephone Company to a Reduction of Rates Over-ruled.

LOWER FERTILIZER RATES.

The Standard Adopted Nearly Twenty Per Cent. Reduction on Old Rates Order Reducing Corn Rates Revoked.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 18.

The Railway Commission convened again this morning at 10 o'clock. The matter of adopting a standard fertilizer rate was first taken up. Traffic Manager Culp of the Southern, Emerson of the Coast Line, and Glover of the Seaboard, who have been in conference since yesterday, preparing a standard fertilizer tariff for the consideration of the Commission, made their report. The Commission is now considering it.

Mr. C. E. Borden of the Navassa Guano Company, and Mr. Gilchrist of the Acme Company, are present and urging the adoption of the South Carolina rate. This rate would, if adopted, be lower than the 16¾ per cent. reduction recently ordered.

Major Wilson is present this morning and expects to testify before the Commission.

The Commission will not file a decision in the matter of the reduction of passenger rates at this time.

To-morrow, Messrs. Caldwell and Pearson go to Washington to show cause before the United States Supreme Court, Monday, why they should not restore the offices of the Commission, which they occupy, to Maj. J. W. Wilson and S. Otho Wilson, and also, why they should not be attached for contempt.

Work on the construction of the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railway begins Monday next. The line of the road will be located at once. It is said the Dukes are backing the opposition road and that it will be carried to Durham instead of Raleigh.

The hosiery yarn mill of Durham was incorporated yesterday with a capital stock of $60,000. Mr. J. S. Carr is the largest stockholder.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

The Railway Commission overruled the exceptions of the Bell Telephone Company to the order reducing telephone rates. The Bell Company gave notice of appeal. A five thousand dollar bond is required to stay the order.

The Commission, on motion of Dr. Abbott, issued a subpœna to the Southern Express Co. to show cause, March 15th, why express rates on fish should not be reduced. Dr. Abbott said the rates are exorbitant. The order reducing corn rates is revoked. A rate of ten cents a hundred from Newbern to Raleigh is put in effect. Formerly it was fifteen cents.

The standard for a fertilizer rate is adopted, which is nearly twenty per cent. reduction on the old rate. The order is as follows: Twelve miles and under, per ton, $1; twenty miles and under, $1.12. The rates increase ten cents for each ten miles up to 150. Then it increases five cents per ton for each ten miles. On less than carload lots shipment rates may be made 20 per cent. higher than above. This applies to all roads of the Atlantic Coast Line, with the exception of the Cheraw and Darlington, the Wilmington, Columbia and Augusta (10 per cent. advance) and Wilmington, Newbern and Norfolk, and to miscellaneous roads, save the Aberdeen and West End, the Atlantic and North Carolina, and the Carthage railways. It is ordered that the joint rate on two or more roads not under the same management shall be made a basis of locals of each road, less twenty per cent.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice February 19, 1898.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Miss E E Batts, Miss Mary Buckona, Miss Kate Cheatham, Miss Sarah Cardner, Mrs Sallie Crue, Miss Mimie Dommus, Mrs Phereby C Dempsey, Mrs M C Dardson, Miss Alice Faison, Mrs M K Gill, Mrs Sophiner Gayett, Miss Liza Holton, Miss Mamie Leuise, Miss Mary E McGame, Mrs Elsie Pavris, Miss Hellen Van Trump, Miss Addie Winston.

MEN'S LIST.

Frank Arsbourn, Lunn Andrews, J H Beam, Jack Brim, C A Cook, Canner Conner, John A Corbett, W T Chafin (2), L A Doughton, C H Evans, Lum Evans, Ander Frank, J E Farar, Sandy Gilbert, W Gilbert, J W Hawkins, R L Huffmes, A Giles, C J Jones, E M L Munro, Leroy Bros, William Lewis, J McCormack, John Malloy, J F Miller, J C McAlister, Milton Ray, Tules Stock, J K Taylor, Luke Taylor, L W Vause, Brox Williams, Wil Com Art College.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

B A Atkinson, E S Capps, Mrs C Dolbin, Virginia Lawson, Mollie Price, Satire Sykes, J H Strickland, Hattie Williamson.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead lettter office.

WM. H. CHADBOURN,
Postmaster.

RUSHING WORK ON ORDNANCE.

Evidence that the Government is Preparing for Possible Trouble.

CINCINNATI, O., February 17.—The big Niles Tool Works at Hamilton, O., are turning out 12-inch mortars for the government as speedily as possible. Two naval attaches, assigned to the Ordnance Department, have been at Hamilton engaged in pushing forward the work and superintending the construction of the huge pieces of ordnance. Within the past few days the work has been greatly hastened to all appearances.

The officials of the company deny that any special effort had been made to hasten the work since the recent war scare. Despite these denials there is every indication that the work has been hurried, and that the naval officers have been especially busy of late.

CHARLESTON'S FIRE RECORD.

Record of Her Fire Department Last Year—Interesting Figures from the Chief's Report.

The following from the *News and Courier* of yesterday is interesting both to property owners and firemen:

The annual report of the board of firemasters for 1897 has just been published. It gives an account of the work done by the department during the past year, and shows how few fires the city has had, and the corresponding low loss. The fire loss is much less than that shown by the records made during previous years. During the year there were seventy-eight alarms with an average loss of $272 65, the lowest heretofore being $397 56 per alarm. This good record is due to the quickness and skill with which the companies got to work.

There were seventy-eight fires in 1897. The combined loss was $21,266.83. Of this amount $2,532 was not insured, which leaves a total insurance loss of $18,734.93. The fire loss has been reduced from an average per annum of $89,535.80, as formerly, to $38,960.24, which is the average for the past four years, showing a saving of $202,302.24. The record for 1897 alone is even lower. Twenty-one alarms were given by policemen, ten by firemen, forty-six by citizens and one was false. No second alarms were given by the chief's orders, and only one general alarm, at the Brewery fire; this brought out all but four of the engines for one hour. On two occasions two boxes were pulled for the same fire, thus unnecessarily calling out extra engines, but they were immediately sent in. Fires occurred in forty-six frame houses, twenty-two brick houses, two steamships and eight in other places than buildings.

The force of the department at the close of the year showed the following: Ninety-nine officers and men; ten steam fire engines; one double 80-gallon tank chemical engine; 9,778 feet of hose; two fuel wagons; three carts; six hose carriages; four hose wagons; three alarm bells and a complete system of fire alarm telegraph; twenty-eight horses; fifteen extinguishers; one aerial truck and equipments; two trucks and equipments.

Church Notices.

First Presbyterian Church. Divine service at 11 a. m., conducted by Rev. Joseph R. Wilson, D. D. No 8 o'clock service. Young people's prayer meeting at 8.00 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday at 8 P. M. Seats free.

Grace Methodist E. Church, South, northeast corner of Grace and Fourth streets, Rev. A. P. Tyer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 3.30 p. m. Experience meeting at 10 a. m. in the lecture room. Weekly Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend these services.

Fifth Street M. E. Church, South, situated on Fifth street, between Nun and Church, Rev. W. L. Cunninggim, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 4.00 p. m. The public cordially invited to all services.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, Pastor. Sabbath services at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Junior Y. P. S. C. E. 10 a. m. Senior Y. P. S. C. E. 5.45 p. m. Sabbath School at 3.30 p. m. Prayer and Praise Wednesday at 8 p. m. All welcome. Seats free.

First Baptist Church, corner Market and Fifth streets, Rev. W. B. Oliver, pastor. Service to-morrow 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School 3.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday 8 p. m. Strangers and visitors cordially invited to all services.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. W. Kramer, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 3.00 p. m. Weekly Prayer and Praise meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Bladen Street Methodist E. Church, Southwest corner of Bladen and Fifth streets, Rev. G. D. Langston, Pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.30 a. m. Class meeting 3 o'clock p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8.00 o'clock. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to these services.

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Rev. P. C. Morton, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7.15 p. m. Sunday School at 3.30 p. m. Christian Endeavor Society every Wednesday night. Sewing School Tuesday and Saturday at 3.30 to 4.00 p. m.

South Side Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. F. H. Farrington, Pastor. Services Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.30 p. m. Weekly Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7.30.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

The regular Services at the Seamen's Bethel will be conducted to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. A. D. McClure. Seamen and river men are especially invited. All welcome.

— Mr. Wm. B. Blades, of Newbern, is here.

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Respectfully,
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THIRTY days from this date the name of the steam tug "Henry Christian" will be changed to "NAVASSA," acting under authority given by the Commissioner of Navigation of the United States. All interested parties will please take notice. NAVASSA GUANO COMPANY
January 26, 1898. of Wilmington.
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Notice.

HAVING QUALIFIED AS ADMINISTRATOR of Allen B. Brown, late of New Hanover county, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 12th day of February, 1899, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 12th day of February, 1898.
feb 12 6t sa J. H. GORE Administrator.

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THE PARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE EXisting between A. P. Yopp and W. D. C. Richardson, under the name of Richardson & Yopp, is dissolved, and the undersigned will not be responsible for any debts of the firm incurred after this date. A. P. YOPP.
February 16th, 1898. feb 17 3t

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MATINEE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19. "A Ball in Fairy Land." 86 children, 86. Under management of Miss Cammie Lord. For benefit of Hospital Circle of King's Daughters. General admission, 25 cents; reserved seats, 35 cents. Box sheet open at Gerken's cigar store Thursday, February 17, at 7. A. M.
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feb 16 3t C. E. BORDEN, Chairman.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 19, 1898

A CALL FOR AGGRESSIVE ACTION.

The New York *Herald*, like nearly all the New York papers, is a gold organ whose financial views are caught from the other side of the ocean. It isn't satisfied with the fight the gold men in this country are making to fasten the gold standard upon us and makes the following call for more aggressive action:

"The Indiana State Committee of the National (Gold) Democracy will meet February 22. In his call for the meeting Chairman Pickens reminds the members that the necessity which two years ago called the party into existence still continues.

"In every part of the country there is evidence that the sound money masses appreciate the need of positive action and are prepared to bring the pressure of public opinion to bear upon Congress if their representatives in that body will not take up the question of currency reform in earnest.

"Advocates of sound money in Congress have too long maintained a merely defensive attitude; it is time for them to assume the aggressive and force the fighting. The overwhelming majority by which the House smashed Senator Teller's silver resolution, and the unequivocal and ringing declarations of President McKinley at the manufacturers' banquet in this city have had a visible effect in depressing the silverites and putting new heart into the advocates of monetary reform in and out of Congress.

"As President McKinley remarked, 'better an honest effort with failure than the avoiding of so plain and commanding a duty;' but there is no reason for failure. Prosperity in the agricultural sections has weakened the influence of the silver propagandists, the fact that their wheat has almost doubled in value while silver was stationary or falling has demonstrated to them the falsity of the theory that the price ot their products was indissolubly bound up with the price of silver. The demonstration has confirmed the more intelligent views arising from universal discussion and study of the subject during recent years, and we believe that the masses to-day are sounder on this subject than at any other period in the last thirty years.

"With the business interests of the country thoroughly organized in favor of reform, an Executive advocating it and a strong majority to support it in the House, now is the time for an aggressive and vigorous effort which will sweep aside the opposition in the Senate. Many Senators who voted for the Teller resolution did so in a half-hearted way, and have since been making apologetic explanations of their action. Make clear to the people of the remoter Southern and Western States that an unequivocal declaration of the gold standard and the withdrawal of the government's irredeemable demand notes would be coupled with such provisions as would insure to their sections a supply of sound bank note circulation adequate to local needs, and they will demand that their Senators cease to obstruct the reform.

It may be too much to expect that a perfected monetary scheme can be passed at this session, but we believe that vigorous, united and aggressive effort can place upon the statute books an act which, after running the gauntlet of both houses of Congress, shall retain the three essential features of a gold standard, no greenbacks and a sound and elastic bank circulation based on assets. The time is propitious. Let us act.

The *Herald* congratulates the country on the effective way in which the House by an "overwhelming majority smashed the Teller resolution." What did it do when it smashed that resolution? It simply ignored the law, and repudiated the precedents set by its own party, and was too cowardly to reassert what its party had often asserted. That resolution only declared that this Government has the right to pay its obligations in "coin," in silver coin if it so elect, or there should by any good reason why it should pay in silver, a right which has never been disputed by any one, and was admitted by Mr. Dingley, who made the principal speech in the House of Representatives in opposition to the Teller resolution, which was simply the reaffirmation of the Republican resolution of 1878. This resolution did not assert that the Government would or should pay its obligations in silver, but simply that it has the right under the law to do that. If it had declared that the Government must redeem its obligations with silver then there might have been some reason for the opposition, but when they voted against and "smashed" the Teller resolution they virtually declared that the Government had no right to pay in silver, and that it must pay in gold, and when it did it virtually pledged this Government as far as it could speak for the Republican party, to the gold standard, and to gold payments, which every Congress preceding it which had been asked to pass upon that subject refused to do. So much for consistency and so much for the new departure in the direction of gold, by men who were solemnly committed to bimetallism, and to work for the largest use of silver by the bimetallic plank in their last national platform.

The *Herald* also congratulates the gold men on their capture of Mr. McKinley, who in that New York speech threw off the disguise he had been wearing. He had been playing the role of the bimetallist, so anxious for the rehabilitation of silver that he was not going to be content with the first failure of his monetary commission, but would send it or another over to make another trial. And while he is contemplating that, he suddenly announces in his New York $100-a-plate dinner speech that this Government must pay its obligations in the kind of money its creditors demand, which means gold. It must, according to Mr. McKinley, continue to do that until the commercial nations of Europe agree with this country on some plan for the coinage of silver, which would make silver an acceptable money to the people who hold claims against the United States. What superlative idiocy? When this Government announces its purpose to discharge its obligations in gold is it to be expected that the obligation holders will ever agree upon a plan by which they can be paid in silver? They will always prefer gold, even if the amount of metal in the silver dollar were doubled, because gold is the scarcer money of the two, more easily cornered and controlled, and therefore in their eyes the more valuable money. Give them the option and they will always insist on that.

When Mr. McKinley declared in his New York speech that they and not the Government should have the option—for that is what his declaration means—he simply put an insuperable obstacle in the way of any efforts he or his commission might hereafter make to bring about international agreement. With one kind of legal tender world-money the money kings are masters of the monetary field; with two kinds, they would not be, and hence they will oppose silver as long as they can keep gold at the front and collect their debts in gold.

The *Herald*, like many of the gold organs, thinks it is a good time for monetary reform, but, like the rest of them doesn't exactly know what kind of reform we ought to have, or how we are going to get it, in as much as the reformers themselves are not agreed. It talks about "retiring the greenbacks," "an elastic bank system," and all that sort of thing, while it hasn't the slightest expectation of seeing either accomplished.

MINOR MENTION.

Yesterday we quoted an extract from a letter of Mr. J. A. Sims, a leading Populist of Cabarrus, on the subject of fusion with the Republicans. But there are Republicans who do not seem to be hankering for fusion with the Populists any more than Mr. Sims, and other Populists who agree with him, are hankering for fusion with the Republicans. One of these is Sheriff Smith, of Vance county, whom the Raleigh *Post* quotes as follows:

"Sheriff Smith, of Vance county, one of the strongest Republicans in the State, was a visitor in the city yesterday, and he took occasion to express himself in very strong terms against a continuance of fusion with Populists. "In the course of a conversation Sheriff Smith said: "We are not going to have any more fusion with Populists in Vance. We are tired of having Pritchard, Holton and the others telling us what we must do in Vance county. They have recognized Gill, Amis and that crowd. All they want is office. That's their business. They haven't got a following of more than 25 or 30 white men in the entire county.

"How about Jack Garrett? the reporter inquired.

"Jack Garrett is good for nothing. He is for anything he can get. The Butler Pops greatly outnumber the Gill and Amis crowd. They are the regular Populists, but are not recognized."

"I am disgusted with the Populists, and I don't want any more fusion with them. The Republicans of Vance are not satisfied with fusion."

"I am not particularly stuck on the fusion with Populists in State matters. I wouldn't vote for Hal Ayer again if he was the last man on earth. That young man knows too much for me. I was born and bred a Republican and expect to die one, but count me out with fusion with Populists."

Whether Sheriff Smith wields much or little influence in his party councils we do not know, but the probabilities are that he voices the sentiments of the Republicans of his county, and doubtless, too, the sentiments of a good many Republicans throughout the State, who now feel strong enough to go alone, and feeling so are disposed to cut loose from the Populist contingent. The fact is the fusion never was entirely to the liking of the rank and file of either party, who submitted to it because the job was put up by the leaders, who humbugged them with various promises of the good time that was coming when they got control of the State, none of which have been realized. The effort is being made by the Russell-Butler combine to keep up the fusion on a new issue—the railroad question—but they will have to play that game a good deal more skilfully than they have so far to play it successfully, for there is a more fully developed opposition on both sides to fusion now than there ever was, and it is more outspoken.

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According to the latest statistics the railroad mileage of the world now aggregates 433,953 miles, an increase of 38,810 miles since 1891. Distributed in the several sections of the globe the mileage stands as follows: America, 229,722 miles; Europe, 159,284 miles; Asia, 26,890 miles; Africa, 8,169 miles; Australia, 13,889 miles. America leads, with over half the total mileage of the world, 229,722 miles, and of this nearly 200,000 miles are in the United States. Half a century ago there were but few miles of railway in the world, and there are people, and not very old people either, who well remember the time when there were no railroads in this country. According to statisticians this country has increased more rapidly in wealth than any other country in the world, a fact attributable mainly to the building of railroads and their extension in all directions. There are networks of railroads to-day where twenty or even ten years ago there was an uninhabited wilderness. The railroads increased the value of the lands tenfold, built cities and towns, and created values amounting to hundreds of millions of dollars where before the values were practically nominal. But there is yet room and need for thousands of miles of railway, especially in the South which is yet inadequately supplied, and where employment will be found for many new lines which the development of the mineral and other resources of the South will require.

Somebody has been making money out of the Cubans. Senator Cannon said in his speech a few days ago on the Cuban question, that the insurgents paid at least $200 for every rifle they have bought. and proportionate prices for ammunition and other things. If this be so somebody must be putting up the money for them.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Carthage *Blade:* Yesterday was a bad day for forest fires. We hear that Rev. W. H. H. Lawhon and Mr. R. A. Barrett were burned out. The fire could be seen plainly last night and it looked at one time as if it might reach town.

— Concord *Journal:* The robins are roosting on Cold Water creek, in the numbers way up into the thousands. Three hunting parties went out last night, and altogether they killed about 500 birds. Within the last three or four nights more than 2,000 robins have been killed. The robins roost in the canebrakes, and were so thick that they could be picked off the canes as fast as a man could use his hands. It is said that hunters last night caught the birds and bagged them just like picking cotton.

— Munroe *Enquirer:* The new cotton mill at Waxhaw, which has recently been completed, adds greatly to the town. The mill is one of the handsomest one-story mills in the State. Machinery will be placed in the near future. —— Last Tuesday, with its high winds and forest fires, reminded the oldest citizens of the "big burning" on March 9th, 1856, when almost every foot of forest land in this section was under flames and many dwellings and outhouses went up in smoke. —— Sarah Miller, aged 11 years, daughter of Shepard Miller, of Vance township, died a most painful death last Thursday night from burns received two days before. She was burning cornstalks when her clothing caught on fire and before the flames could be extinguished she was burned so badly that there was no chance to save her life.

The languor so common at this season is due to impoverished blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla cures it by enriching the blood.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— There seems to be no reason to doubt that a considerable portion of the Spanish populace is ready for war with the United States. There is, perhaps, still less reason to doubt that a large proportion of the people of the United States would welcome a war with Spain. But in neither case is the Government obliged to —or likely to—yield to the popular demand.—*Philadelphia Ledger, Ind·*

—— Gratifying evidence of the fraternal feeling between religious bodies and followers of the several religions in this city have come into evidence since the Cathedral fire. Following the disaster, a Protestant Church proffered to the Cathedral congregation the use of its house of worship, and in the list of subscribers to the fund for the rebuilding of the burned Cathedral appear the names of Protestants and Jews sandwiched with those of Catholics. This broad and kindly spirit is one of the most gratifying signs of the times.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— The Carnegie Steel Company has booked an order from the Russian Government for Harveyized nickel steel in quantity sufficient for armoring two first class battleships. The price named is $500 per ton. The contract was secured against the bids of English, French and German armor makers, including the famous Krupp establishment. This competitive award would seem to indicate that the prices demanded for armor plate by American manufacturers for the United States Government are not exorbitant. — *Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

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MR. C. C. SHULTS, of Winterset, Iowa, inventor and manufacturer of Shults' Safety Whiffletree Coupling, writes of Dr. Miles' Heart Cure. "Two years ago an attack of LaGrippe left me with a weak heart. I had run down in flesh to mere skin and bone. I could not sleep lying down for smothering spells; frequent sharp darting pains and palpitation caused a constant fear of sudden death, nothing could induce me to remain away from home over night. My local physician prescribed Dr. Miles' Heart Cure and in a few days I was able to sleep well and the pains gradually lessened, and finally ceased. I reduced the the doses, having gained fifteen pounds, and am now feeling better in every way than I have for years."

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TWINKLINGS.

— Dixon—"I don't believe it's true that the earth goes round." Hixon—"Why not?" Dixon—"Because I never got my share."—*Chicago News.*

— Appreciates a Joke: "I suppose the secret of his popularity is that he talks well." "Not at all. The secret of his popularity is that he laughs well."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

— She—"Oh, but it's lots of fun to flirt with a man till you get him to propose and then say 'No.'" He—"Yes, it is fun for the man but he runs an awful risk. She might say 'Yes.'"

— Just Like the Men: "You have a club for the interchange of ideas, Mrs. Pushly?" "We had, but at the second meeting we ran out of ideas. Now we are dealing with the financial question."—*Detroit Free Press.*

— His Sad Experience: "I bought a claim," said the returned Klondiker, "where the nuggets where said to be as plentiful as blackberries." "And they were not?" "Well, yes, they were; but, you see, there are no blackberries in that region."—*Tit-bits.*

— Still Has Faith: "Mrs. Higgins is still wildly in love with her husband." "Does she put the buttons on his shirts for him yet?" "No; but he told he sat up all night playing cards without any stakes—and she believes him."—*Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegram.*

LEAF CUTTING BEES.

Honey Gatherers That Snip Pieces From the Rose Leaves.

"Some Common Bees and How They Live," by A. Hyatt Verrill, is an article that appears in St. Nicholas. Mr. Verrill says:

Perhaps some of my readers may have noticed on their rosebushes a number of leaves in which neat round or oblong holes were cut. This is the work of the leaf cutting bee, a pretty little insect looking much like the common honeybee, but with stout orange red legs and metallic green reflections about the head. Although the mutilated leaves are all too common, the nest for which they are sacrificed is seldom seen, for this little bee is a carpenter as well as a leaf cutter and hides her home away deep in the heart of some old post or board. The hole is much like that of her busy relative, the carpenter bee, but smaller, and, instead of forming a tunnel at right angles to the entrance, penetrates directly into the wood.

When the hole is drilled to her satisfaction, our little friend stops carpenter work, and, flying to the nearest rosebush, selects a tender, perfect leaf. From this she cuts oblong pieces, which are carried to the nest and formed into a thimble shaped tube at its bottom. This tube is next filled with pollen and honey, on which a tiny egg is placed. Another trip is taken to the rosebush, and this time perfectly circular pieces a trifle larger than the diameter of the tube are cut. These the little worker forces into the upper end of the tube, forming a tightly fitting stopper. These operations are repeated until the hole is filled with tubes, one above another. The lowest eggs hatch first, and each young bee waits for the one beyond to go forth, in the same manner as the young of the large carpenter bee.

Cats With Knotted Tails.

The following is from the narrative of a voyager in the Indian ocean:

"The steward is again pillowed on his beloved salt fish, and our only companion is a Malacca cat, which has also an attachment for the steward's pillow. Puss is a tame little creature and comes rubbing herself mildly against our shoes, looking up into our faces and mewing her thoughts. Doubtless she is surprised that you have been so long looking at her without noticing the peculiarity of her tail, which so much distinguishes her from her mates in other quarters of the globe. Take her up in your lap and see for yourself. Did you ever observe such a singular knot? So regular, too, in its formation, and she has outlived both the pain and inconvenience. But here comes her kitten, all full of gambols and fun, and we find that her tail is in precisely the same condition. So, then, this is a remarkable feature among the whole race of Malayan cats, but no one seems able to give a satisfactory explanation of it."

Preserving Boots.

A new wrinkle may be learned from an English soldier who was noted for keeping his boots in better condition and making them last longer than any of his brother officers. When asked what he did to them to prevent the leather from cracking and keeping it soft and smooth, his reply was, "Mutton bone." When an explanation was demanded, he said:

"It is nothing, I assure you. My man asks the cook for a knuckle bone, which he cleans and then bakes. After rubbing the leather with cream, he then frotles them as hard as he can with the bone. Usually my boots last me three years."—Exchange.

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Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Consumption and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every delecterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c per box. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

A Good Reply.

During the Apache war in Arizona in 1866 a Maricopa Indian—the Maricopas are an agricultural tribe living on the banks of the Gila—rode a hundred miles between sun and sun to warn a party of well to do emigrants that the Apaches had planned to ambuscade them at a certain pass.

The young Indian volunteered to guide the wagons by another route, and when he had done this he mounted his horse to go home.

"See here," said the leader of the train to the young Maricopa. "You have done us a good service. What is your price?"

"My price?" repeated the astonished Indian.

"That is what I asked."

"I have no price. Had gain been my object I would have joined the Apaches and met you in the pass." And so saying the brave wheeled his horse and rode proudly away.—New York Ledger.

Music With One String.

Ole Bull, the celebrated violinist, was such a master of the instrument that he could play a melody of considerable compass on only one string.

England's Army of Paupers.

It is computed that there are enough paupers in Great Britain to form, four a breast, a procession over 150 miles in length.

In a recent letter from Washington D. C., to an old friend, Major G. A. Studer, for twenty years United States Consul at Singapore, says: "While at Des Moines I became acquainted with a liniment known as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I found excellent against rheumatism as well as against soreness of the throat and chest (giving me much easier breathing). I had a touch of pneumonia early this week, and two applications freely applied to the throat and chest relieved me at once. I would not be without it for anything." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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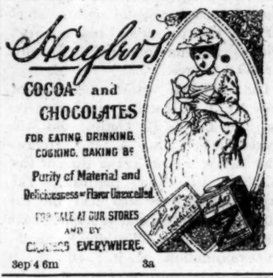

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Paper House.

There is a paper eating house in Hamburg, which has walls composed of a double layer of paper stretched on frames and impregnated with a fire and waterproof solution. The roof and walls are fastened together by means of bolts and hinges, so that the entire structure may be rapidly taken to pieces and put up again.

If the landed surface of the globe were divided up and allotted in equal shares to each of its human inhabitants, it would be found that each would get a plot of 23½ acres.

Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.—Emerson.

The Surprise of All.

Mr. James Jones, of the drug firm of Jones & Son, Cowden, Ill., in speaking of Dr. King's New Discovery, says that last winter his wife was attacked with La Grippe, and her case grew so serious that physicians at Cowden and Pana could do nothing for her. It seemed to develop into Hasty Consumption. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in store, and selling lots of it, he took a bottle home, and to the surprise of all she began to get better from first dose, and half dozen dollar bottles cured her sound and well. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds is guaranteed to do the good work. Try it. Free trial bottles at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. †

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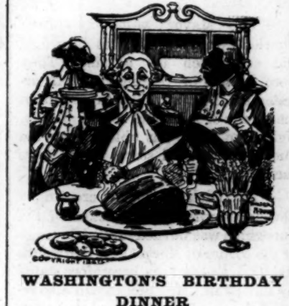

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, February 18.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market firm at 32 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 31½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.20 per bbl for Strained and $1.25 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at 90 cents per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $1.50 per barrel for Hard, $2.00 for Dip.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar firm, 90c; crude turpentine firm, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	80
Rosin	407
Tar	253
Crude Turpentine	7

Receipts same day last year.—86 casks spirits turpentine, 536 bbls rosin, 484 bbls tar, 6 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5⅝c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 3-16	cts. ₱ lb.
Good Ordinary	4½	" "
Low Middling	5 3-16	" "
Middling	5⅝	" "
Good Middling	5⅞	" "

Same day last year, middling 6¾c.

Receipts—568 bales; same day last year, 135.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to 3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

Cotton and Naval Stores.

WEEKLY STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

For week ended February 18, 1898.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
3,567	205	2,395	1,494	50

RECEIPTS.

For week ended February 19, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
1,049	600	2,964	1,988	254

EXPORTS.

For week ended February 18, 1898.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	000	636	165	1,462	192
Foreign	000	000	4,915	000	000
	000	636	5,080	1,462	192

EXPORTS.

For week ended February 19, 1897.

	Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin..	Tar.	Crude.
Domestic	1,800	682	65	897	1
Foreign	000	000	00	000	0
	1,800	682	65	897	1

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat February 18, 1898.

	Ashore.	Afloat.	Total.
Cotton	17,989	75	18,094
Spirits	1,922	90	2,012
Rosin	29,211	85	29,296
Tar	9,401	220	9,621
Crude	154	000	154

STOCKS.

Ashore and Afloat February 19, 1897.

Cotton.	Spirits.	Rosin.	Tar.	Crude.
12,581	1,186	32,880	9,414	513

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 18.—Money on call easy at 1½@1½ per cent., last loan 1½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3@4 per cent. Sterling exchange was steady; actual business in bankers' bills at 485⅜ for demand; 483@483¼ for sixty days. Posted rates were 484 and 486½. Commercial bills 482. Silver certificates were 55⅝@56¼. Bar silver 55¾. Mexican dollars 45¼. Government bonds strong; U. S. new 4's, registered 127⅞; U.S. new 4's, coupon, 127⅞; U. S. 4's 112⅞; U. S. 4's, coupon, 114¼; U. S. 2's 100; U. S. 5's, registered, 113⅝; U. S. 5's, coupon, 113⅝. State bonds dull; North Carolina 6's 125; North Carolina 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 18.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, February 18.—Spirits, turpentine firm at 32c; sales — bales Rosin firm; sales — barrels; quotations unchanged.

SAVANNAH, GA., February 18.—Spirits turpentine firm at 32½c; sales 183 casks; receipts 157 casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; receipts 2,092 barrels; quotations unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 18.—In the cotton market to-day there was little desire manifested on the part of the local contingent to enter new obligations in face of conflicting reports from both Washington and Havana regarding the Maine incident. There was nothing in other news to give either bulls or bears apprehension and throughout the day the scope of fluctuations was only a matter of 4 to 5 points. A considerable part of the total transactions consisted of switches of the near positions to the late summer and fall months. The market made a steady start at unchanged prices to one point advance, eased off two to three points under scattered selling for Liverpool account, but recovered this loss later on light local and Southern buying. The close was steady and quiet at a net gain of one to two points with sales limited to 89,000 bales.

NEW YORK, February 18.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since February 18, 1898: Galveston, 1,075,071 bales; New Orleans, 2,163,587; Mobile, 308,571; Savannah, 1,023,828; Charleston, 416,660; Wilmington, 297,944; Norfolk, 494,206; Baltimore, 56,083; New York, 109,794; Boston, 149,269; Newport News, 7,994; Philadelphia, 60,608; Brunswick, 176,373; Port Royal, 53,662; Pensacola, 90,700; Port Arthur, 4,950. Total, 7,117,388 bales.

NEW YORK, February 18.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 6¼c.

Cotton futures opened dull but steady and closed quiet and steady; sales of 89,100 bales; February 5.95c., March 5.99c., April 6.09c., May 6.06c., June 6.09c., July 6.12c., August 6.16c., September 6.14c., October 6.15c., November 6.15c., December 6.15c.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 6¼c; middling gulf 6¼c; sales 38 bales.

Net receipts 998 bales; gross 7,728 bales; exports to the Continent 2,056 bales; forwarded 1,878 bales; sales —; sales to spinners 38 bales; stock 190,795 bales.

Weekly—Net receipts 7,039 bales; gross receipts 45,995 bales; exports to Great Britain 6,895 bales; to France 510 bales; to the Continent 10,456 bales; forwarded 15,373 bales; sales 787 bales; sales to spinners 487 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 19,703 bales; exports to Great Britain 3,391 bales; exports to France 7,270 bales; to the Continent 13,310 bales; stock 1,233,149 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 186,863 bales; exports to Great Britain 57,393 bales; to France 25,511 bales; to the Continent 79,231 bales.

Total since September 1st—Net receipts 7,117,388 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,443,841 bales; to France 652,438 bales; to the Continent 2,000,801 bales.

February 18.—Galveston, easy at 5 13-16c, net receipts 4,507 bales; Norfolk, steady at 5⅞c, net receipts 856 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 6c, net receipts 1,046 bales; Boston, dull at 6¼c, net receipts 1,174 bales; Wilmington, steady at 5⅝c, net receipts 638 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 6¼c, net receipts 952 bales; Savannah, quiet at 5⅝c, net receipts 3,469 bales; New Orleans, steady at 5½c, net receipts 4,234 bales; Mobile, steady at 5 9-16c, net receipts 233 bales; Memphis, steady at 5⅝c, net receipts 2,246 bales; Augusta, quiet at 5⅜c, net receipts 451 bales; Charleston, nominal at 5⅝c, net receipts 947 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 18.—Flour—the market was inclined to drag at barely steady prices, owing to the break in wheat; city mill patents $5 80@6 10; winter patents $4 90@5 35. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red $1 06½; options opened weaker at a partial ¾@⅞c decline, following Argentine shipments and unsatisfactory cables; they declined further on liquidation, but rallied in the last hour on reported heavy freight engagements for Leiter wheat and bullish Argentine crop news; closed steady at ¼@1¼c net decline; No. 2 red March $1 05¾@1 06⅞, closed 1 06¼; May closed $1 00¾. Corn—Spot steady; No. 2 37⅜c; options opened quiet and unchanged, but sold off and was generally weak all day under prospects of larger receipts and liquidations, and closed ⅛@⅜c net lower; May closed 35½c; July closed 36⅜c. Oats—Spot easier; No. 2, 31½@31¾c; options were weak and lower owing to a slack demand and weakness in corn; closed ¾c net lower; May closed 30½c. Lard was quiet; Western steam $5 40; May $5 52½, nominal; refined lard quoted steady. Pork was firm. Butter steady; Western creamery 14½@20; do. factory 11@14c; Elgins 20c; imitation creamery 13@17c; State dairy 13@17c; do creamery 14@19c. Cheese quiet; large white September 8½c. Petroleum dull. Cotton seed oil steady; prime crude 20c; do. yellow 20@20½. Tallow quiet; city 3⅝c; country 3½@3⅝c, as to quality. Rice steady. Coffee—Spot Rio quiet; mild steady; Cordova 7⅛@15½c. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3 11-16c; centrifugal 96 test 4 3-16c; refined firm.

CHICAGO, February 18.—Everything on the Board of Trade showed a reactionary tendency to-day and closed at declines. Wheat felt the effect of yesterday's heavy liquidation. This and the large Argentine wheat shipments resulted in a decline in May of 1¼c at one time, but heavy ocean freight engagements for Leiter caused a rally. May closed at a loss of ⅝c from yesterday. Corn declined ⅜c and oats ⅛c. Provisions closed unchanged to 12½ lower.

CHICAGO, February 18.—Cash quotations: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 2 spring 97c; No. 3 spring 90@96c; No. 2 red 1 03½@1 04. Corn—No. 2 29½c. Oats—No. 2, 26½c; No. 2 white, f. o. b., —c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 28@29c. Rye—No. 2, 49½c. Mess pork, per barrel, $10 87½@10 90. Lard, per 100 lbs., $5 10. Short rib sides (loose) $5 15@5 45. Dry salted shoulders (boxed) $4 75@5 00. Short clear sides (boxed) $5 50@5 60. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 18½.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2, May 1 03¾@1 04, 1 02¾, 1 03½; July 89½, 89¼, 88⅛, 88⅝. Corn—May 30¾, 30⅞, 30⅜, 30½; July 32, 32⅛, 31⅝, 31⅝c; September 33¼, 33⅜, 32¾, 34⅞. Oats—May 27, 27, 26¼, 26⅜c; July 24¾, 24½, 24, 24½. Mess pork, per bbl., May $11 12½, 11 17½, 10 90, 10 95; July $11 10, 11 10, 10 95, 10 95. Lard, per 100 lbs.—May $5 22½, 5 22½, 5 15, 5 20; July $5 27½, 5 30, 5 22½, 5 27½. Short rib

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March 8, 1897.

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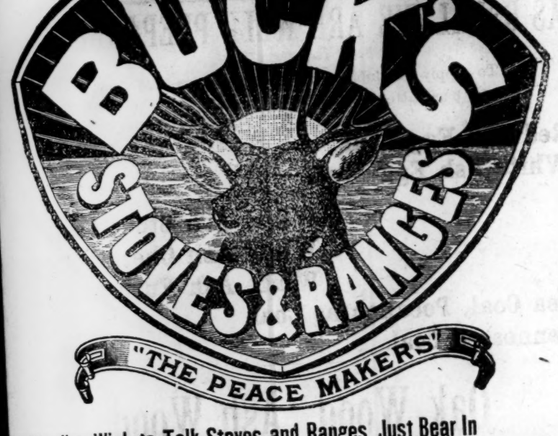

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Sale of Lands for Taxes.

Notice is hereby given that I have levied upon the following lots, pieces or parcels of land, to satisfy the unpaid Taxes due the City of Wilmington, N. C., for the year 1897, and will sell the same at public auction at the Court House door of New Hanover County on Monday, the seventh day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., unless the Taxes and Costs are paid previous to the sale.

FREDERICK B. RICE,
City Treasurer and Tax Collector.

NAME.	Blc'k	LOT.	Tax.
		A	
Adams, Milly	35	e m 3 4	1.20
Ahrens, C. M. R.	306	w ½ 1	
do	338	w ½ 1 w ½ 5	
do	346	all 1 2	60.00
Alderman, Alfred	306	e m 5	17.40
Alderman, Mrs. A. G	291	n w ½ 2	7.50
do	362	pt 1 2	6.75
Alderman, Mrs. L.	306	s w ½ 2	39.00
Alderman, Mary J.	206	e m 5	6.21
Alderman, W. A.	38	m 3 4	6.96
Alexander, Frank P	147	e m 2	6.21
Alexander, June A.	147	e m 1	5.25
Anderson, Elizab'h	60	e pt 1 2	8.25
Anderson, Wm.	58	e pt 3 4	2.25
Arrington, Thomas.	148	w pt 3	2.25
Artis, Wm. F.	338	w pt 2	6.96
Ashe, Richard	81	n pt 1 2	2.25
Ashe, Simon	326	e 1 2	9.00
Atkinson, Miss E.		w m pt 6	4.71
Austin, Henry	195	e m 1	
Austin, John J.		w m 1 2	16.41
do	205	l n e 3	
		DELINQUENT A.	
Ancrum, Brisban-	304	w m 1	1.80
Ashe, Sarah	220	e m 3 4	3.00
Adrian & Vollers	338	w 5	1.50
		B	
Baker, heirs Chas.	350	w p 4	1.88
Barfield, General	327	pt 2 3	6.21
Barge, Benj.	149	e ¼ 4	
Barker, Rosa L.	77	all 5 e ¼ 4	22.50
do	90	m pt 6	.75
Barnes, Miss Anna.	341	pt w m 1	1.63
Barnett, Mary E.	105	w ¾ 2	6.00
Batson, Ancrum	161	e m 4 5	7.50
Batts, Mrs. E. E.	77	e m ¼ 6	
			15.96
Bell, Chas. F., Jr.	87	e m 1	4.50
Bell, heirs Sutton	59	e m 6	1.87
Bell, T. F.	42	s w ¼ 5	
			20.46
Bellois, Ben.		s w pt 6	
Bellois, Mrs. J. C. W	118	e	49.50
do	139	w 4 5 6	3.75
Bennett, heirs John.	909	e 5	3.75
Bennett, Maria J.	295	m 1 2	8.25
Benson, Susan E.	104	e ½ 2	13.88
Berg, James	349	s e ½ 5	3.90
Bernard, h'rs Harry	118	e ¼ 3	3.96
Berry, Richard	241	e ¼ 5 ½ int	19.11
Best, Robt. W.	397	e 4	7.27
Biddle, h'rs Julia A.	78	w pt 1 2 3	1.50
Bingham, h'rs Thos.	82	e pt 5 6	9.75
Bishop, Ephraim	238	e m 1 2	3.75
Bishop, h'rs Mary E	213	e pt 1	4.25
Bishop, Rev. W. H	268	w pt 5	3.75
Blackwell, Martha J	338	w pt 5	2.25
Blackwell, Wm.	347	e m 1	3.00
Blackwood, Susan.	336	s ½ 4	
Blake, A. E.	64	e pt 5 5	28.11
do	139	m pt 3	2.63
Blain, Carrie	52	pt e ½ 6	6.15
Blocker, Mary Ann.	115	e pt 5	7.71
Blount, Caleb	175	m 3 4 5	
Blount, Hannah	281	e m 4 5	
do	329	e pt 4 5	13.50
Boddie, Frank P.	186	e pt 2	
do	278	pt 2	6.97
Bolden, Louis	536	e 4 5	3.00
Boon, Mrs Laney A	264	w pt 4	16.12
Boon, L. L.	197	w pt 4	36.21
Borden, Guardian Wallon for Miss Alice	220	e pt 1 2 3	4.50
Bowden, Alex	119	s e ¼ 4	3.00
Bowden, Miss Ann E		e 4 5 6	70.50
Bowden, heirs L. H.	169	e m 1 2	30.00
Bowden, h's Mrs S C	181	w pt 5	39.25
Bowens, Stephen	198	w pt 3	4.50
Boykin, Mrs Julia A	169	w m pt 1	4.50
Bradley, Keziah	253	n w pt 3	.87
Bradley, Wm. H.	222	e pt 4	
do	237	w m 5	13.12
Brady, D. J	91	w m 1	
do	47	w m 1	
do	47	w m pt 1	11.11
Bremer, Mrs. H. M.	86	¾ int e ½ 1	7.50
Bright, James	336	e pt 1 2	3.75
Brinkley, J. B.	50	e e ¼ 3	3.00
Brinkley, Susan	45	w m 2	
do	31	w pt 4	3.38
Broadhurst, Edw.	106	n w ¼ 5	6.58
Brothers, J. A.	186	w 1 2	13.11
Brown, heirs Alfred	263	w m 1	8.25
Brown, Archie L.	298	e ½ 3	6.58
Brown, heirs Ed.	67	e end 5 6	1.50
Brown, h's Elizab'h	296	w pt 1 2	
Brown, heirs James	250	w pt 5	5.84
Brown, James W.	355	s e ¼ 2	4.50
Brown, Virgil	39	e 1 2 3	4.50
Brown, heirs Wm.	136	pt 4	3.00
Brownell, T. J.	42	s ½ 4	
Bruard, Francis	88	all 5 6	
do	584	all 5 6	5.02
Brunson, Robt.	162	s m pt 3 4 5	6.75
Bryan, B. J.	50	w m 1	3.75
Bryan, Richard A.	308	e pt 1	2.62
Bryan, mrs Sallie	50	e 1 e m 2	3.38
Bryant, Maria A.	490	w pt 1	2.25
Bryant, Mary Nixon	161	e m 4 5	3.75
Budd, mrs Susan A.	211	w 2	
Bunting, V. E.	218	s w ¼ 4	33.00
do	265	n w ¼ 3	1.12
Burden, Eliza	334	pt 1	4.50
Burguin, Lavinia	308	w 2	6.12
Burnett, Allison	119	s w ¼ 3	5.46
Burnett, R. & wife	148	e pt 6	7.50
Burnice, Reuben	286	s w ¼ 4	4.50
Burriss, mrs S A.	90	n e pt 1	
Burton, Minerva	253	w pt 4	
		DELINQUENT B.	
Battle, heirs Jos.	349	e 3 4	1.20
Bradley, David C.	271	w m 5	7.50
Bradley, Mary C.	79	e 1 2	1.50
Brown, Andrew	56	s e ¼ 4	.75
Boggan, Andrew	82	s s 3	4.50
Burnett, Mary E.	229	w m 1 2 3	2.25
Burke, heirs A A.	327	w 1 2	3.00
Byrd, A J.	69	m 1	
		C	
Carolina Cooperage and Veneer com'y	260	Bdgson Block	30.75
Carr, Lula	200	e pt 4	3.00
Carter, heirs Sam.	339	e m 5	2.25
Cartjohn, miss E.	279	e pt 1 2	6.25
Castreet, J. C.	35	s e ¼ 3	.83
Chadwick, D. M.	174	w ¼ 3	40.71
Chadwick, mrs S E.	264	w 4 5	15.37
Chapman, L.	338	w m 2	
do	348	w 2	10.13
Chase, Alice M.	350	e m 2 3	.75
Chestnut, mrs C M.	308	s w m 1	31.50
	141	pt 2	
Clark, Charity		4 w m 6	3.00
Clark, Jas E.	37	pt e ¼ 4 pt w ½ 2	9.50
Clark, Pollie	309	w m 4	2.25
Clark, Samuel	536	n e ¼ 2	1.88
Coles, Rosetta	326	n e 5	2.25
Collett, Mary M.	338	e 1 2	3.75
Collier, mrs E F.	204	w ½ 5	
do	191	w m 1	
do	279	w ½ 2	
Collier, S P, trustee	306	e m 5	171.00
do	242	all 5	
Collins, Sarah	226	e ¼ 4	12.75
Cook, A B.	78	w pt 1 2	4.88
Corbett, J H & Mary Taylor	61	e m 6	46.50
Cordall, Edward	256	n w ¼ 3	10.12
Cordle, heirs Phillis	307	e m 1	3.00
Costin, mrs Jane E.	104	e pt 1	1.50
Cotton, Wm H, Jr.	296	e pt 2	8.25
Council, Timon	327	e 4	.63
Cowan, O S, trustee	177	e 1	135.00
Cowan, O. James		4 w pt 4 5	7.50
Cowan, Jas L.	68	d 6	2.63
Cowan, heirs Sam.	226	s e ¼ 3	3.00
Craft, Lucy C.	180	w 3 4 5	
	196	n e ¼ 4	35.25
Craft, heirs T C.	185	w m 3 4 5	15.10
Craig, C F.	265	w 6	14.76
Craig, Patience M.	49	m 6 pt 5	6.00
Crandall, Jem	149	n e pt 5	6.21
Cronly & Morriss, agts for—			
mrs L J Hellig.	151	pt 1	64.50
do	77	e pt 3	1.50
R C McCaskill	17	e pt 1	71.25
W G McRee, trus.	151	s w pt 5 & whr'f	
mrs F E Poisson	128	pt 1	
do	164	m 5 ½ int	
do	193	w 4 5 6	
	46	w 6	
Cronly, J M, agent	298	s w 3	
Cunningham, Maria	36	n e ¼ 2	
Cureton, Westley	523	pt w ½ 5	
Cutlar, DuBrutz, Jr	80	n e ¼ 2	
do	80	s e ¼ 4	
do	174	e m 3 4 5	
do	269	w m 5	
do	89	n e ¼ 4	
do	174	w m 3 4 5	
do	293	w ½ 1	
do	349	w ½ 5	
		DELINQUENT C.	
Clinton, Lucretia	304	e 3 4	4.50
Campbell, Jos.	554	w 1 2	3.75
Collins, heirs Wm.	37	e ¼ 4	4.50
Colvin, James	149	e ½ 6 6 ½	6.00
Carver, Sam,	536	e 1	6.00
		D	
Daniels, Chas H.	59	e 1 2 3	12.51
Daniels, R E.	91	w pt 1	
do	47	w pt 1	
do	52	s 3 m 3	11.46
do	33	n w ½ 3	.87
Davis, Anna Jane	131	l n w 5	14.08
Davis, Chas R.	482	w pt 3	9.21
Davis, Fred	83	s w ¼ 4	.75
Davis, heirs Hattie	252	e m 1	3.00
Davis, J H.	350	w 2 3	7.71
Davis, J H.	46	n pt 4	10.50
Davis, Jos H.	213	s w s w 4	5.25
Davis, Louis	118	s e 4	.75
Davis, Louis	33	e s ¼ 3	3.37
Davis, Lucy	147	w 5 6	10.50
Davis, Maggie	488	m 1 2 3 4 5	2.25
Davis, mrs Sallie J	77	w pt 1 5	5.25
Davis, Venus D.	106	e pt 1 2	2.25
Davis, Virginia O.	46	w pt 5 6	3.75
Daris, Westley	102	w m 1 2	
DeRossett, mrs R.	228	e pt 4 5	171.00
DeVane, rev W M.	106	e s e ¼ 5 ½ int pt ½ 5	12.75
DeVaughn, Frank	68	m pt 4	4.88
Dickson, Sophia	254	w m 5	46.50
Dickson, heirs Ed.	255	w pt 1	3.00
Dickson, heirs Jesse	106	e pt 1 2	10.50
Dickson, Stephen	329	s w pt 1	5.00
Donalson, Mills	65	e ½ 5	19.00
Doscher, Robt.	253	e ½ 3	7.50
Doye, heirs Owen	161	w pt 1 2 3	1.50
Dry, Louis	349	e m 3 4	5.68
Dudley, heirs Violet	86	w m 1	6.75
Dudley, W H, sr.	310	e pt 3	3.75
Duguid, Lavina L.	184	w pt 5	2.62
Dunn, heirs B R.	146	e pt 6 6 ½	3.38
Dunham, James	116	e ½ 5	2.25
Dunham, Dr J H.			3.75
		DELINQUENT D	
Davis, George W.	292	½ int 2	18.00
Davis, Lucy	287	w m 3	7.50
Davis, heirs Louisa	46	w m 4 5	4.80

NAME.	Blc'k	LOT.	Tax.
Davis, Margaret L.	303	w m 4	1.80
Durant, heirs Jas	104	e 5	6.46
	338	s w ¼ 1	5.08
	346	e m 1 2	2.25
	40	s e pt 2	3.00
	45	s w pt 2	4.50
Eagles, Maggie A	135	m pt 5	68.09
Earp, L M.	167	w m pt 1 2 3 4	8.75
Ellers, mrs Rebecca	153	e pt 3 4 5	15.00
Elkins, J B.	326	e pt 1 2 3 4 5	
Elkins, York	293	w ¼ 1	
do	338	e pt 4 5	7.05
Elliott, mrs Mary J	326	e pt 5	6.38
Ennett, George	281	e pt 1	3.00
Epps, rev Henry	339	n e ¼ e	5.83
Evans, mrs Annie C	240	s e ¼ 4	6.66
Evans, Cornelius	114	w ¼ 4	48.00
Evans, David G.	326	w m 1 2 3 m 2 3	3.00
Evans, Jubal	161	e pt 4 5	11.40
Evans, heirs Julius	37	n w ¼ 5	12.96
do	286	w ¼ 6	1.50
Evans, Martha J.	66	s w pt 4	6.00
			6.96
Everett, mrs Ann	210	n e pt 4	3.75
Everett, h's mrs M H	197	w pt 3	5.25
Everett, Richard	309	e m pt pt 1 2	86.00
		F	1.50
Farrow, mrs Aug.	265	pt 3 4	23.25
do	308	pt 5	3.00
do	204	s ¼ 4	
Farrow, mrs Mary E	51	w pt 2	3.00
Flanner, mrs C C.	178	m 3	210.00
do	100	m 5	22.50
Fleet, mrs S C.	104	w pt 1	3.00
Flin, heirs Patrick	334	e m 5	5.50
Fonville, heirs B.	93	w m 1 2	1.12
Fonville, Nelson	13	e ¼ 4	2.63
Foy, heirs James	148	e ¼ 1	10.60
Franklin, David T.	262	w 5	
Freeman, mrs A J.	126	e pt 1	84.00
do	248	e pt 5	2.25
Freeman, Virgil A.	264	e 5	
Funches, J. S.	49	w 4 5	17.08
do	160	s w 5	2.25
Furguson, Sally	13	e ¼ 4	9.58
Futch, Chas W.	306	e m 1 2	
	DELINQUENT F.		.45
Farrow, heirs Sandy	265	w 2 3	4.50
Fisher, Wm.	186	s w ¼ 1	
	G		
Galley, heirs Jas M.	266	n ½ 1 2 pt 3	27.00
do	279	e ½ 5	75.00
Garrell, Jno F.	220	pt 3 4 1 2	51.38
do	219	e 5	15.00
Garrell, J F, trus.	220	w 4 5	5.36
Garrell, R A.	200	all 3	9.00
Gause, Caroline	242	s ½ w pt 5	
Gause, Ed S.	337	w m 1	7.05
do	338	e pt 4 5	6.38
Gause, George	329	e pt 5	3.00
Gause, Gracie Ann	281	e pt 1	5.83
Gause, Henry	281	n w pt 3	6.66
Gause, Henry S.	240	s e ¼ 4	48.00
Gause, heirs S P.	114	w ¼ 4	3.00
Gautier, heirs Judy	326	w m 3	11.40
Gerdes, mrs Cath'e	66	all 2	12.96
Geyer, Jno A.	45	n w ¼ 1	1.50
Geyer, Quilla A.	32	n w ¼ 4	6.00
Gibson, Clara	241	s w ¼ 4	6.96
Gooden, Daniel	243	s w ½ 2	3.75
Gordon, Lewis	146	n w pt 2	
Grant, mrs A A & miss F V Lawton.	177	e pt 2	133.50
do	361	e ½ 2	4.35
Grant, B L.	279	w ½ 3	
Green, H C.	50	n w pt 2	
do	326	w m 1	
do	231	w m 4 5	
do	337	e pt 1	
do	349	pt 3 4	17.62
do	249	pt 4 5	
do	503	all 1	
Green, Henry and J	503	w pt 1	
do	498	s pt 3 all 4 5 6	7.88
do	499	w pt 8 4 5 6	
Green, Henry and J	31	s w pt 4 5 6	6.00
J Jones	36	s w pt 3 4 8	
Green, Henry	47	e m 2 3 4 5 6	
do	67	e m 3 4 5 6	
do	68	all 2 e pt 2 3 4 ½ 2	
do	69	all 3	
do	70	e m 5 6	
do	37	e 3 8	
do	568	all 6	
do	231	n e ¼ 1	
do	98	e pt 5 6	
do	50	w ¼ 4	
do	95	s e ¼ 4 e m ¼ 4	
do	119	n w pt 2	
do	56	n w ¼ 3	
do	518	all 1	
do	20	n w pt 1	
do	42	e pt 8	
do	43	e m 1 2	
do	38	m pt 4 e ¼ 3	57.08
Green, Joshua	281	e m 1 2	5.77
do	582	s e ¼ 4	
Green, Margaret & Maria Howard	105	w m 6	1.50
Green, W H.	68	w 4 5 6	16.88
do	38	n e 5	9.96
Green, Wm Howe	67	w m 5 6	53.62
Gregg, mrs Susan M	180	e s 4 5	2.25
Griffin, Lucy	327	w pt 3	5.75
Gortgen, mrs A S.	325	e pt 1	7.71
Gnthrie, W G.	74	e pt 6	
	DELINQUENT G.		
Gafford, heirs Mary	48	w 3 4	3.00
Galloway, Charles	52	pt 5	7.50
Gardner, Laura	17	s w ¼ 2	15.00
Gause, Elizabeth	46	w m 5 6	1.50
Gause, Lucretia	267	n e 3	7.50
Grainger, h's Moses	81	w m 1 2	4.500
	H		
Haggett, Grace	265	w pt 2	2.75
Hall, heirs Bertha	188	w pt 4	1.50
Hall, heirs Jos D.	197	e 1	9.02
Hall, mrs Mary F.	23	n ¼ 2 s w ¼ 2	5.60
Hall, Mary Jane	350	pt 3 4 5	2.10
Hall, Richard L.	187	m 4 5	6.58
do	350	e pt 3 4	
Hall, heirs Rich'd P	518	n ¼ 5	4.50
do	489	e 1 2	19.84
Hall, Virginia	159	w 4 5	3.00
do	106	s w m 5	3.75
Hall, W T.	281	n w pt 3	1.50
Halsey, Chloe	327	w pt 3 4	1.25
Halsey, Maggie	326	e pt 4	8.25
Halsey, Robt.	198	all 5	1.50
Hamilton, h's Chris	228	e 4 5	6.00
Hammond Carol'n.	348	e m pt 5	6.00
Hand, mrs P.	54	w 5 6	5.75
Hawkins, h's Hiram	255	s w 4	
Hawkins, Josephine	132	e m 1	15.00
Hawkins, J C	132	e m 5 6	30.16
do	44	w pt 5 6	4.50
Hawkins, mrs M A.	225	e pt 2 3	10.50
Hardwick, mrs A F.	102	w 4 5 6	4.50
Hardwick, h's M J.	51	s w ¼ 4	6.00
Hardwick, mrs S.	45	n w 2	35.25
Hardy, W H.	68	e pt 3	4.50
Hargrave Hamilton	31	w ¼ 1	15.00
Harrington, Louis	51	w pt 1	6.21
Harvey, rev J W S.	142	s interest e 5	42.00
Harriss, h's mrs C.	34	all 6 w ¼ 4	
Harriss, Geo, agent.	267	all	
do	59	all	
do	18	all 1	
do	36	all 3 4	
do	33	all 5	
do	32	e ¼ 2 e ¼ 4 nw ½ 1	
do	41	all 2 3 4 5	
do	401	all 5 6 pt 4	
do	403	all 2 3 pt 4	
do	399	pt 2 3 4	
do	370	n w ¼ 4	
do	34	all 4	
do	325	all 2 6	
do	30	e 1 m pt 1 2 3	
do	33	all 1 3	
do	535	all 6 pt 5	
do	27	all 4	
do	28	all 1	
do	31	all 3	
do	42	w ½ 6	
do	87	e ½ 5	
do	88	e m 1	87.220
			2.63
Harriss, Josephine.	257	w ¼ 4	2.75
Harriss, L H.	257	w ¼ 4	4.5
Harriss, Lovick.	264	w 1	
Hashagen, Fred E.	279	w 1	
do	143	e end 6 6 ½	
Hawes, Archie	60	n w ½	
Hawkins, mrs S.	69	w pt 6	
Hayes, Cornellus	49	w pt 3 4	
Haines, Cornelia A.	309	e pt 4	4.60
Haywood, Sampson	308	pt w pt 5	1.50
Henderson, mrs H.	82	e ¼ 5	4.50
Henderson, Rebecca	211	e ½ 3	5.25
Herring, Geo T.	48	pt 6 6	.75
Hewett, Jno W.	90	e pt 4	
do	90	e pt ½ 1	18.75
Hewlett, mrs F F.	158	e m 4 5	11.62
Howlett, Geo F.	489	m pt 1 2	18.15
Hewlett, J H.	104	pt 3 ¼ 4	18.96
Hicks, Delby	117	w pt 1	23.68
Highsmith, heirs K	254	e 5	1.87
Hill, Caroline S.	228	w pt 1 2 3	7.50
Hill, Johg R.	213	w m 1 2	5.25
Hill, Louis		n e ¼ 4	9.21
Hill, Marshall	213	e m 1 2 s w 4 2	5.25
Hill, Penny	99	m 1	2.25
Hill, mrs Virgil	97	e 3 4 6	
do	97	s e ¼ 4	8.25
Hill, heirs W B.	87	w ¼ 4	9.00
Hinton, h's mrs J L	91	e m 4 5 7	.90
Hodges, mrs C P.	91	e 3	90.00
Holden, mrs Mary J	306	e ½ 6	5.25
Holland, Benj	173	m pt 4	3.50
Holland, Jas M.	173	w m 3 4 5	8.84
Homlies, Alex	321	e 1	9.21
Holmes, Francis C.	61	e pt ½ 5	1.50
Holmes, Jno H.	294	e m 1	3.75
Holmes, Jno H.	294	w 1	8.84
Holmes, P E.	197	e 1	5.25
Holmes, Sarah A.	266	e ½ 1	3.75
Hooper, Geo W.	5	e 5	
Hooper, Geo W.	160	e m 3 4 5	
do	160	e m 4 5	80.90
do	258	n 2	8.25
Hooper, Jno H.	118	n w ¼ 4	
Hooper, Johnson	200	w ¼ 5	
do	160	e m 3 4 5	
do	132	e m 5 6	32.33
Hooper, Rosanna	225	w m 4	5.25
Hooper, heirs Thos.	108	s e ¼ 6	9.75
Horan, mrs Cath.	62	w m 1	10.50
Horton, Eben	96	e 6	4.50
Hostler, Margaret A	81	w 2 3	33.75
House, Serena	19	s w ¼ 3	3.00
Howard, Andrew	83	pt w end 1 2	5.46
Howard, Benj	255	w m 1	3.75
do	238	n w ¼ 4	4.50
Howard, Elsie	565	pt 4 5	1.12
Howard, Elizabeth	34	e pt 1 2	1.50
Howard, Hannah	46	e m 1 2 3	1.88
Howard, Harry	46	w ¼ 6	17.46
Howard, H W	326	w pt 4 5	27.00
Howe, Caroline	188	s w 2	1.12
Howe, Josephine			4.72
Hughes, mrs C A.	168	½ int m 1 2	
Hurst, W M.	488	w m 1 2 3 4 5	19.71
do	63	e ½ 5	41.46
Huchings, R L.	182	e ¼ 4	1.50
Hyman, heirs Wm.			
	DELINQUENNT H.		
Hawkins, heirs Jim	80	e 2 3	3.00
Harrison, J	160	s w 4	9.00
Hill, Millie and F			4.50
Wheeler	240	w 4	3.00
Hostler, Caroline	88	s e ¼ 5	
	I		
Isler, Sampson	324	n w ½ 2 w pt 3	8.78
do	322	e m 2	
	J.		
Jackson, Andrew	349	e 1	4.00
Jackson, Geo C.	104	w m 1	4.46
Jackson, Jno W.	320	n e pt 2 3	1.87
Jackson, Peter	103	w pt 3 4	9.00
Jackson, Rebecca	93	n w ¼ 3	1.50
Jacobs, Chas F.	199	w pt 4 5	11.84
James, mrs E H.	205	w 5	23.48
James, h's mrs M J.	90	w pt 5	54.00
James, Ross J.	88	w 1	1.12
James, heirs J T.	325	e 4	2.25
Jenkins, David	269	e pt 1	2.25
Jenkins, Emma	269	e m 1	
do	148	e m 1	8.25
Jenkins, James C.	199	m 1	1.50
Jenkins, Maria	324	w m 3 4 ½ in w 3 4	8.00
Jenkings, Benj	90	e m 1	12.93
Jewell, R W	38	w m pt 1	5.58
Johnson, Alex	193	w m 3	26.09
Johnson, mrs	193	e m 3 4	3.75
Johnson, E F			

NAME.	Blc'k	LOT.	Tax.
Johnson, Hannah A	203	e m 4	1.80
Johnson, Jane	104	e 5	6.46
Johnson, Robt.	338	s w ¼ 1	5.08
Johnson, W M.	40	s e pt 2	2.25
Jones, Abram	45	s ¼ 4	3.00
Jones, Abram	135	m pt 5	4.50
Jones, heirs Benj	167	w m pt 1 2 3 4	68.09
Jones, Eliza	153	e pt 3 4 5	8.75
Jones, E G & Co.	326	e pt 1 2 3 4 5	15.00
Jones, George	283	n w

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SATURDAY MORNING, FEB. 19, 1898

THE SOUTHERN TRADE SITUATION.

It is Helped by Growing Foreign Trade in Cotton Goods and Strength of Products.

PRICE SITUATION IS STRONG.

Volume of Distributive Trade Shows a Notable Increase and Favorable Features Dominate the General Business Outlook.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, February 18.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: Favorable features dominate the general business situation as a whole, and few commercial conditions present themselves which can be regarded as in any degree disturbing. Chief among those factors which make for continued or growing strength in commercial lines may be mentioned the renewed tendency toward advances in quotations of all staple articles and the steadiness of prices in other lines where increases are not at the moment reportable. Perhaps second in the list of suspicious features is the continuance of marked activity in nearly all branches of the iron and steel trade, more particularly in the central West, where it is authoritatively reported over 90 per cent. of the pig iron furnace capacity is in blast.

The volume of distributive trade shows an increase notably in dry goods and groceries at so many widely separated points as to warrant the conclusion that Spring trade is receiving a perceptible impetus. At the West, iron and steel mills are reported generally busily employed and unwilling to take orders for early delivery. At Chicago, 30,000 tons of steel rails have been sold in the past two weeks. The bicycle trade is reported starting up well at the West, but is still slow at the East, where, however, the cotton goods situation is one of hopeful strength of raw material and the restriction of production due to the New England mills strike. The strength of cotton, sugar and rice and the demand for iron all favor the Southern trade situation, which is also being helped by the growing foreign trade in cotton goods.

Business failures continue to decrease, aggregating only 269 for the week against 273 last week, 323 in the corresponding week of 1897, 276 in 1896, 327 in 1895 and 235 in 1894.

Of the total number of concerns failing 31 per cent. had a capital not exceeding $5,000, and 95 per cent. had a capital below $20,000.

As above intimated, the price situation is one of great strength. Compared with a week ago, not one article or staple in use is reported lower, although some low grades of wool would have to be shaded if free sales were desired. This is owing to the absence of manufacturers from the market during the past few weeks. Prices of nearly all kinds of grain, but notably wheat, corn and flour, have advanced. The agreement by the Bessemer ore producers will probably result in an advance on the coming season's output.

SPANISH CRUISER VIZCAYA.

Arrived Yesterday at New York—The Precautions Taken for Her Safety.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Spanish armored cruiser Vizcaya is in New York waters. She dropped her anchors five miles south of Sandy Hook lightship at 5.30 P. M., after a thirteen day s voyage from the Canary islands.

When her officers and men learned the startling news of the disaster to the American battleship Maine in Havana harbor and of the downfall of former Minister De Lome, they broke into a wild uproar of talk. For a couple of minutes all discipline on the great warship seemed to vanish to the winds.

Early to-morrow morning the Vizcaya will come up to the anchorage selected for her in the upper bay.

Rear Admiral Bunce has given final instructions to Lieut. Jno. A. Daugherty, who will have charge of the patrol tugs, six in number, to guard the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya during her stay in this vicinity.

While on duty the boats are to patrol carefully the waters in the vicinity of the visiting Spaniard, and no boat or person will be allowed to approach the Vizcaya without the sanction of the commanding officer of that vessel.

At night it is intended to keep the Vizcaya brilliantly illuminated with electric lights, and the watch boats will be also well lighted so that there can be no possible means of approaching the vessel without detection.

Every policeman in the city was on duty to-day.

This action has been taken in compliance with the request made to the police department by Mr. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of Navy, last night, that precautions be taken against the possibility of hostile demonstration upon the arrival of the Spanish cruiser Vizcaya.

Admiral Manterola refuses to allow divers sent to Havana by American newspapers to make any investigation near the wreck, at least until Capt. Sigsbee shall have finished his official investigation.

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SECRETARY LONG MAKES DENIAL.

Declares Unfounded Many Rumors of a Warlike Tendency in Circulation.

NO INFORMATION WITHHELD.

The Department Has No More Knowledge of the Disaster to the Maine Than Has Already Been Given to the Public.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—The feature of the day at the Navy Department was the large number of rumors of a warlike tendency that came to the attention of the officials. So formidable had grown the list that at the close of the office hours Secretary Long was induced to make the following statement as the easiest manner of disposing at one time of all their stories:

"Really no information has been received since Captain Sigsbee's first dispatch adding anything to our knowledge of the disaster. All we know is that the Maine blew up. There is abundant room for speculation of all sorts, but no conclusion can be arrived at until an examination has been made by the divers and more facts obtained. It is a simple fact to say that such a thing might happen by design or it might happen by accident. As yet there is no indication of design. Therefore, my impression has been all along, and I rather think the general opinion preponderates in the same direction, that it must have been accidental.

"At the Cabinet meeting to-day the matter was not discussed, except as any body of men talk about an event of that kind, and most of that talk related to the terrible loss of life and to expressions of sympathy for the sufferers.

"It certainly was a very kind thought in the President to send flowers to the families of Captain Sigsbee, of Executive Officer Wainwright, and of the lost seamen whose residences are in Washington.

"You may say, absolutely, that there has been no secret cabinet meeting, that nothing has taken place in the cabinet that the public have not been informed about, that the whole policy of this department has been to give the public all the dispatches, that the department has no more knowledge on the subject of the cause of the disaster, or even of the circumstances attending it than have the public, and that the report which was to the effect that Captain Sigsbee had warned the department that the Maine was in danger from submarine mines or torpedoes is utterly without foundation, no such report ever having been received from him or from anybody else."

The Secretary also denied briefly and comprehensively wild rumors that he had requested the chief of police of New York to guard the Vizcaya and that he had selected constructor Bowles to go to Havana and raise the Maine. The last work of the day for him was to consult the representatives of the wrecking companies who probably will have charge of this work, and endeavor to arrange for both of them to work together so as to secure the use of each peculiar plant and to save time.

The Secretary when asked what was the department's estimate of the conduct of Captain Sigsbee in the terrible situation in which he had been placed replied:

"I think I express the feeling of the President, as well as my own, when I say that Captain Sigsbee has conducted himself as an officer of our navy should. He was the last to leave his ship when she went down. His dispatch to me that night was so complete, that since then I have thought of no question of fact to ask him which is essential to the situation and which he could answer which is not covered by that dispatch. Its tone, too, is that of a discreet and level-headed man who realized the impression any word from him, at that time, would have on the public mind. Nothing is harder than for a naval officer to lose his ship, so that I have great sympathy for him. I await with confidence further reports."

During the day the department was in receipt of a number of telegrams from different parts of the country asking in behalf of relatives of the dead sailors that their remains be brought back to the United States for interment. Among them were queries from friends of the two officers, Merritt and Jenkins. The department forwarded these to Captain Sigsbee, whose reply was that the officers' bodies have not been found; that as to many others identification is not possible and throwing great doubt upon the practicability of taking any of the remains away from Havana. While no decision has yet been reached formally upon the application of the Spanish Government for authorization to examine the wreck of the Maine to ascertain the cause of the explosion the officials seem inclined to regard her request as one that could not properly be refused, and it is likely that each government will make an investigation of this character concurrently.

IT WAS FOUL WORK.

Opinion of Many Persons That the Maine Was Hit by a Torpedo.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., February 18.—A special to the *Times-Union and Citizen* from Key West says: "The general opinion of many persons here is that the Maine was hit by a torpedo, after which the magazine exploded. In an interview with Thomas Melville, of Brooklyn, who was not injured, and was on watch on the quarter-deck, he said that he felt two distinct shocks. The first was not as severe as the second, which blew up the ship. Other survivors are of the same opinion, that it was foul work.

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SENATOR MASON DEMANDS INQUIRY.

Asks That Investigation Into the Disaster to the Maine be Made by a Joint Committee.

DEBATE IN THE SENATE.

Senator Allen Reiterates Suspicions Expressed by Mason That Investigation by the Navy Department Will Not be Satisfactory.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—A debate, decided in its sensations, was unexpectedly precipitated in the Senate today over the consideration of the resolution of Senator Allen, of Nebraska, directing the Committee on Naval Affairs to investigate the disaster to the battleship Maine. An arrangement had been made for the adoption of the resolution, with a minor amendment, without debate. Senator Mason, of Illinois, however, proposed a substitute providing for an investigation to be conducted by a joint committee of the two branches of Congress. Upon this the Illinois Senator, disregarding an appeal not to force a discussion at this time of so melancholy an affair, delivered a speech in which he said that the people demanded the truth concerning the explosion and declared that they would not be satisfied with the investigation to be conducted by the officers of the navy, who would virtually try their own case and would cover up any blame that facts might show attached to them. He fiercely denounced the policy of the Government in dealing with the Cuban question, into which he went at length, and declared that the United States had adopted the policy of Spain in putting everything off until to-morrow.

Sharp replies to Senator Mason's charges were made by Senator Wolcott, of Colorado, and Senator Lodge, Massachusetts. The resolution which precipitated the discussion finally went to the calendar.

Soon after the Senate met, Senator Hale, Maine, introduced the following joint resolution:

"That the Secretary of the Navy be and he is hereby authorized to engage the services of a wrecking company or companies having proper facilities for the prompt and efficient performance of submarine work for the recovering of the remains of the officers and men lost on the United States steamer Maine and of saving the vessel or such parts thereof and so much of the stores, guns, material, equipment, fittings and appurtenances as may be practicable; and for this purpose the sum of $200,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary is hereby appropriated and made immediately available."

Senator Mason hoped that provision would be made for the transportation of the bodies to the United States and for their burial in this country. To that end he proposed an amendment to the resolution as follows:

After the word "thereof" and before the word "and" insert the following, "And for the transportation and burial of the remains of the officers and men so far as possible."

The amendment was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was then passed.

The resolution offered yesterday by Senator Allen, Nebraska, directing the Committee on Naval Affairs to make an immediate investigation of the disaster to the Maine, was laid before the Senate.

Senator Mason, Illinois, proposed an amendment striking out all after the word "resolved" and inserting the following.

"By the Senate, the House of Representative concuring, that a joint committee of five, consisting of three members of the House of Representatives and two members of the Senate be appointed to investigate the disaster to the battleship Maine."

Senator Hale expressed the hope that Senator Mason would not press his substitute. The disaster, he said, was even now being thoroughly investigated by the Executive department of the government, and that as soon as tangible results were reached the facts would be communicated to Congress.

Senator Hale urged Senator Mason to withdraw his substitute as it would tend only to embarrass the Executive department.

Senator Mason followed Senator Hale in a speech replete with sensational and pyrotechnic utterances. He said, in beginning, that he had no disposition to inflame a situation already so exciting, but he felt that his substitute was fully justified by the feelings and desires of the people. "I understood, said he," that the Navy Department is making an investigation of the disaster; but I also understand that Congress has the authority to make an investigation. It is a Congressional investigation that the people are demanding. They are fast coming to the conclusion that matters concerning this Cuban affair, including the De Lome letter incident and the loss of the Maine, of which they ought to know, are being concealed from them. The people want to know the facts and they will know them."

Senator Mason said he did not desire to reflect upon the motives or honor of anybody, but he suggested that the officials of the Navy Department in making their investigation would be trying their own case and would naturally endeavor to cover up any blame that might attach to them. He was not willing to strike out of his resolution the word "immediate." Every one was interested in knowing who blew up the Maine and all wanted that information now. Why delay? Why adopt the Spanish custom of putting off until to-morrow what should be done to-day?

Senator Hale interrupted Senator Mason to make a statement. He said that so far from having any delay he was anxious for it to go forward from this very time, as the investigation proposed by the Navy Department would, if not interfered with. There was no proposition to postpone inquiry.

Replying, Senator Mason said there was no calamity so great as a failure on the part of those in power to appreciate the real situation when it was so serious as it now is, and no sorrow so profound as that over indifference to this situation. The people were sick and tired of secret investigations and reports by cipher, and of having information suppressed, and then doled out to them as some executive officer might think suitable. He wanted a Congressional investigation, and wanted it open to the world. Any investigation by Congress would only strengthen the finding of the Navy Department in case the explosion proved to be an accident. He had no desire to stir up trouble, but would only insist, as he had done before, upon the stopping of human slavery and inhuman warfare in the adjacent island.

He had a letter from Mr. Julian Hawthorne read to show, as he claimed, that murder was the policy of the Spanish Government in Cuba. He also had Mr. De Lome's letter read and asserted that the late minister had been defended in the Senate until he had confessed out of his own mouth that autonomy was a fraud and that he was the author of the letter quoted. This plea of autonomy had been used to secure delay on the part of the administration in interference in affairs in Cuba, and it was for this reason, Senator Mason said, that he wanted an immediate report upon his resolution for intervention. In view of Mr. De Lome's confession, there was no longer excuse for delay. Autonomy he denounced as a sham, a fraud and a delusion and the De Lome letter only served to emphasize the treacherous character of the Spanish. As for himself he would not, if eligible, be willing, to serve on the proposed committee, as he would not want to sit at the table with a Spaniard who might have a stiletto under his clothes, unless he himself was ironclad. The record of the Spanish nation, continued Senator Mason, who appeared to be laboring under considerable excitement, is one of continuous treachery, and we have experienced that treachery in our history for the past hundred years. It had been made evident that the Spaniard could not be trusted in any capacity and for this reason we should now have American divers investigating the hull of the Maine and not be depending upon those of an unfriendly power. We are told, he said, that the naval board may be able to reach Havana by next Monday. "Hanana" he exclaimed. "Hanana"! "To-morrow—always to-morrow! That is the Spanish motto and we are falling into it."

In the meantime who knows but that some more dynamite will be put in and the evidences of the catastrophe averted. He repeated that he wanted immediate action, but did not want to be on the committee. He did not want to be anywhere that a Spaniard could reach him. He closed with an appeal for a prompt inquiry and said that he thought the Senate which had voted $200,000 to save the property of the United States could and should vote $200,000,000 if necessary to save its honor and its dignity.

Senator Mason had scarcely taken his seat when Senator Wolcott addressed the chair: "Mr. President," he said, and the words shot forth like a bomb to be exploded in the Senate. It was evident from the Colorado Senator's countenance and manner to say nothing of the intensity of his voice that he was laboring under considerable feeling. He had listened to Senator Mason with ill-concealed feelings of emotion, his face growing redder and his brow more and more like a thunder cloud as the Illinois Senator proceeded. He spoke with great rapidity and occupied only a few minutes of the Senate's time, refusing to be interrupted and speaking very sharply when Senator Mason sought to divert him.

Senator Wolcott spoke as follows: "Mr. President, the resolution of the Senator from Illinois, however, inopportune it may be at this time in the opinion of some of us, might well have been permitted to pass without comment had it not been for the remarkable utterance which he has given to the effect that the people of these United States have lost confidence in one of the great departments of the government."

Senator Mason had resumed his standing position, and he interrupted to say that the Senator from Colorado was entirely mistaken. "I made no such statement," he said.

Senator Wolcott—"I decline to be interruped. I ask to have the remark read from the reporter's notes."

Senator Mason—"I said that some people were losing confidence in the department and ——"

Senator Wolcott—"I decline to be interrupted. I ask to have the reporter's notes read."

The reporter's notes were then read as follows: "Senator Mason: Mr. President, I understand the great necessity of proceeding deliberately and carefully in this matter. * * * I also understand that the people of this country are fast coming to the conclusion that the real situation is not only being concealed from the people, but from the members of Congress and Senators. The people have a right to know something about the situation. I say that the people do lack confidence in some of the departments of the Government and they sometimes, perhaps, do in this department."

Senator Wolcott then continued. "The Senate," he said, "would bear him out that he did not misquote the Senator from Illinois to the extent of a single word or a single syllable." Resuming, he said: "I desire to resent as utterly unfounded the suggestion that there is a patriotic citizen in the broad confines of this land who has not the fullest and most splendid and glorious confidence in every department of this government and in the Department of the Navy particularly. It has been in every administration since the time of Washington. The people of the United States have never yet been called upon to distrust one of the coordinate branches of the government, and they never will while the flag floats. Least of all is it decent, in my opinion, that in this chamber there should insinuations be cast at this critical time that there is a lack in the minds of the people of the United States of confidence in the navy of our country.

In conclusion Mr. Wolcott said:

"Mr. President, I speak as one who sympathizes deeply with the citizens of that unfortunate island now engaged in this terrible, deplorable conflict. I yield to nobody in my desire to see the conclusion of that war, but I do say if ever there was a moment when we should abstain from outrageous and gratuitous insult to a friendly nation that time is to day. If ever there was a time we should lend our help to every department of the government, it should be to-day. If there was ever a time when we should refrain from unjust and ignorant criticism, it is to-day. Ah! Mr. President, war may come. I think myself the day may be not far distant, and when it comes we will fight it alone, for there will be no other nation to lift a hand to fight us. When that day comes, our course must be eternally grounded in the right; and until it comes there is nothing so belittles this people in my opinion as these unjust and outrageous attacks upon a friendly government. Ah! Mr. President, war is a grim decision, and when it comes it must come so that the people of the world, whether they fight with us or not, can at least respect our conduct and our position; and, above all, Mr. President, it must come under circumstances which will make us respect ourselves."

Senator Mason was in calmer mood when he rose to reply.

"His quotation and general spasm will not drive me from the discussion of this question in the Senate," he began. Continuing, he charged Senator Wolcott with making a statement which was not borne out by the record or by any remarks he had made. He shared, he said, in the general admiration of the various departments of the executive branch of the government, and Senator Wolcott could not excel him in that respect. He (Mason) fully endorsed all that Senator Lodge had said about the head of the navy, with whom he had served in the House, and whom he knew to be a man of ability, of great head and a warm heart.

Senator Allen, of Nebraska, said he desired to secure a vote upon the resolution, but he desired to reiterate the suspicions expressed by Senator Mason that the investigation by the Navy Department would not be satisfactory to the country.

"Can the Senator give the grounds for his suspicions?" inquired Senator Gray, of Indiana, "his statement is important."

"My statement is important," Mr. Allen replied. "I want to say that I have not in my five years' experience in the Senate known one of these investigations to result in anything."

Pending a motion by Senator Hale that the Senate go into executive session, Senator Bacon, oi Georgia, introduced the following joint resolution:

"That there shall be prepared under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy and placed upon the wall of Statuary Hall in the capitol building a bronze tablet commemorative of the officers and men of the U. S. Navy who perished in the loss of the battleship Maine, in the harbor of Havana, February 15, 1898. The said tablet shall contain the names of said officers and men and shall be an enduring memorial to their honor and a perpetual token of the sorrow of the nation."

It was referred to the Committee on Naval Affairs.

At 3.40 P. M. the Senate adjourned until Monday.

House of Representatives.

The House to-day promptly and unanimously voted the $200,000 asked for by the Secretary of the Navy to recover the bodies lost in the Maine disaster and to raise the wreck if that is deemed advisable.

The rest of the session to-day, which lasted six hours, was devoted to a continuation of the debate on the Bankruptcy bill, which will come to a vote to-morrow.

The House adjourned at 5:55 P. M.

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By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, February 18.—Gen. Lee was heard from in the shape of the following cablegram at 1 o'clock this afternoon:

Assistant Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.:

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